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In re application of: Heinrich et al.

Application No: 10 / 759,478

Group No.: 1742

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Examiner: Mai, Ngoclan Thi

For: FINE-GRAINED SINTERED CEMENTED CARBIDE, PROCESS FOR
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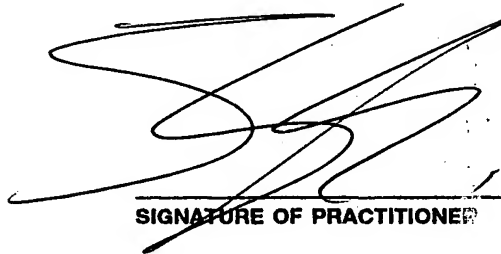
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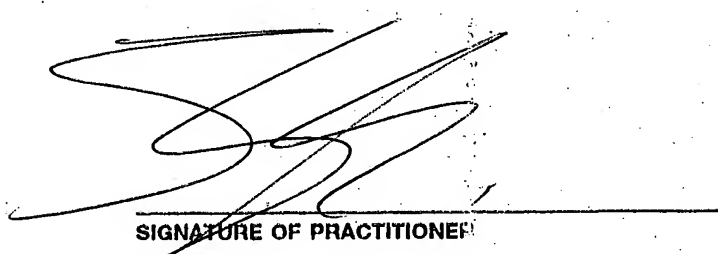
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Sir:

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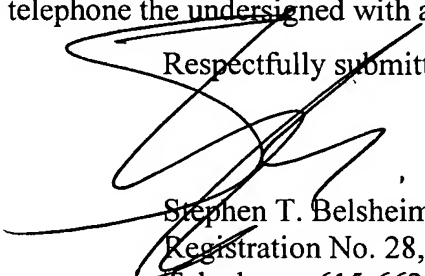
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inquiry of the status by the PAIR system.¹ Hence, applicants submit that the USPTO must consider this submission.

The Patent Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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